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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF
SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF CORRUPTION CONCERNING UNHCR LOCAL STAFF

1. CONGEN LEARNED THAT TWO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES EARLIER THIS MONTH HAVE WRITTEN SEPARATELY TO INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) TO COMPLAIN THAT PETER TRAN, AKA PETER HOA, LOCAL UNHCR EMPLOYEE, PRESSURED THEM INTO SELLING THEIR BOATS FOR \$140 AND \$80. THEY CLAIM THAT TRAN TOLD THEM THAT BOATS WOULD BE CONFISCATED BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SINCE REFUGEES DID NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO LAND AND TAXES WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL. REFUGEES CLAIM IN LETTERS TO ICAC THAT IN FACT BOATS WORTH CONSIDERABLY MORE AND THEY WERE SWINDLED. BOTH REFUGEES REQUESTED ICAC TO INVESTIGATE MATTER.

2. WHEN WE WERE SCREENING REFUGEE YESTERDAY, WE SPOKE WITH VIETNAMESE WHO SOLD HIS BOAT FOR \$600 CASH, SIGNING DOCUMENT IN CHINESE WHICH HE SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND. FROM WHAT HE SAID, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN INHCR INVOLVEMENT, BUT WE DID NOT PURSUE MATTER SINCE IT IS DELICATE.

3. ICAC IS INDEPENDENT BODY WITH POLICE POWERS ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE CORRUPTION. WE
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DO NOT KNOW IF ICAC WILL ACT ON THESE TWO LETTERS OR REFER THEM TO LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITY.
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